

FINAL MINUTES

JOINT MEETING STATE REVIEW BOARD and HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

September 5, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

St. John's Church Parish House, 2401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23223

State Review Board Members Present

Warren Hofstra, Chair
Carl Lounsbury, Vice-Chair
Lauranett Lee
Elizabeth Moore
R. Madison Spencer

Historic Resources Board Members Present

Patrick Butler, Chair
Helen Murphy, Vice-Chair
Brian Broadus
Jeanne Evans
Carter Hudgins
Ora McCoy
Addison Thompson

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Kathleen Kilpatrick, Director
Catherine Slusser, Deputy Director
Ann Andrus
Francine Archer
Camille Bowman
David Edwards
Randy Jones
Kristen Kirchen

Calder Loth
Jean McRae
Wendy Musumeci
Jennifer Parker
Mike Pulice
Olga Skorackyj
Kelly Spradley-Kurowski
Marc Wagner

State Review Board (SRB)

Chair Hofstra called the State Review Board meeting to order shortly after 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He read the role of the board, asked the other members to introduce themselves, and then explained the process of registration.

The minutes from the June 6, 2007 meeting were approved with a motion from Dr. Lounsbury and a second from Dr. Moore. There was neither new nor old business.

Historic Resources Board (HRB)

Chair Butler called the Historic Resources Board meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. He explained the role of the board then asked each member to introduce themselves.

The minutes from the June 6, 2007 meeting were approved with a motion from Ms. Murphy and a second from Mr. Thompson. Under new business, Chair Butler asked for nominations for the role of Vice-Chair and Chair. With a motion from Ms. Murphy and a second from Ms. Evans, Chair Butler was voted in for another term as Chair. Then with a motion from Chair Butler and a second from Dr. Hudgins, Ms. Murphy was voted in for another term as Vice-Chair. There was no old business.

Director's Report (DHR)

Director Kilpatrick welcomed everyone in attendance and spoke of the St. John's Church, and the reenactment to follow the morning session. She spoke of the December Capitol tour for the Boards, and the special meeting in Waterford on November 15, 2007. She highlighted the new Indian Heritage Trail book, the APVA and Restore Virginia conferences. Director Kilpatrick updated the Boards on budget issues, new staff and staff positions, public outreach, and preservation initiatives. She then highlighted items on the day's agenda, commenting that DHR was proposing the 16th rural historic district listing for Virginia.

Finally, Director Kilpatrick asked for a vote of support from the Boards regarding the draft work plan. Chair Hofstra asked about the federal tax credit progress, and commented on educational programs for listed districts. Mr. Broadus noted his support for educational tools to communities, and motioned the Boards vote to support the work plan. Ms. Murphy seconded and the HRB approved support of the draft work plan. Dr. Lee also noted her support of the educational outreach in working with VHS. Then with a motion from Dr. Lounsbury and a second from Dr. Lee, the SRB voted to support the draft work plan.

Register Nominations

Ms. Andrus presented the following nominations for the Capital Region:

1. Cohen House, City of Petersburg (Petersburg Quad), #123-0115, Criterion C
2. Hamilton School, Cumberland County (Lakeside Quad), #024-0105, Criteria A and C
3. Preston Court Apartments, City of Charlottesville (Charlottesville East Quad), #104-0239, Criterion C
4. Pyramid Motors, City of Lynchburg (Lynchburg Quad), #118-5237, Criterion C

Comments made: Chair Butler said some information could be added to the Cohen House regarding the post war ownership and Mr. Broadus supported this asking that Criteria A might be added for the connection to the Jewish community. Ms. Murphy asked of the future of the Cohen House, which is not known at present.

Chair Butler asked of the varying grades who attended the Hamilton School, and Dr. Hudgins checked that the secondary resources were in deed included in the nomination. Ms. Murphy asked of the future of the school, and the owner spoke of plans to rehab the space into an auditorium, theater and fine arts building for the community.

Ms. McCoy commented on the Pyramid Motors building as a fine extant resource in the community. Mr. Broadus asked whether Criteria A should be added to the nomination.

Chair Hofstra commented on the fine writing of the Preston Court Apartments nomination and how the PIF comments had been taken into account.

Then with a motion from Dr. Moore and a second from Dr. Lee, the SRB approved all four Capital Region nominations. With a motion from Ms. McCoy and a second from Ms. Murphy, the HRB voted to list all four nominations onto the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR).

Mr. Edwards presented the following nominations for the Northern Region:

5. Greenway HD Boundary Increase, Clarke County (Boyce Quad), #021-0963, Criteria A and C
6. John Marshall's Leeds Manor Rural HD, Fauquier County (Many Quad), #030-5428, Criteria A, B, and C
7. Old Town Historic District, City of Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg Quad), #115-5001, Criterion C
8. Scrabble School, Rappahannock County (Woodville Quad), #078-5107, Criteria A and C
9. Jonathan Peale House, Rockingham County (Harrisonburg Quad), #082-0032, Criteria A and C
10. Lantz Mill, Shenandoah County (Edinburg Quad), #085-0933, Criteria A and C

Comments made: Chair Butler asked about the Episcopal Church history as opposed to the other church histories which seemed to be more defined within the J. Marshall's Leeds Manor HD. Mr. Stribling addressed this comment as well as adding some of his family connections to the area. He passed around a historic map showing family property areas and explained the name John Marshall's Leeds Manor for the district. Chair Butler noted the inclusion of the Fairfield area into the nomination. Dr. Moore asked about some of the PIF comments and whether a more clear definition of the criteria and themes, and resource connections to these, could be easily added. Consultant, Ms. McClane said she could add something, but wondered if this was setting a new precedent for districts using several themes and criteria. Chair Hofstra said the Boards and staff work hard on the connection of themes and criteria throughout each nomination and did not want to discourage the use of more than one, but thanked Dr. Moore on her detailed comments for support and clarification. Mr. Thompson said it was nice to see such a large rural district come to fruition and asked about the number of easements in the district in existence and proposed.

Ms. Boseman, member of the Ebenezer Church, spoke of the five generations represented and the written documentation that the Greenway Historic District, Boundary Increase nomination provides for the church. Ms. Miller, and another woman, both mentioned their thanks for generations to come of recording what had been verbally passed down history, but is now in the written form. All three ladies were very thankful to Ms. Kalbian, the consultant, for her work on the nomination increase.

Mr. Hernandez-Roy, owner of Lantz Mill, thanked the Northern Region for their assistance, spoke of the plans for the mill as a cultural center, and noted the efforts of the Zirkle Mill Foundation.

Mr. Lander, owner of the Scrabble School, spoke of the history of the building and the grass roots county projects. He also noted the plans to rehab the building for an African American and senior center for the community.

Chair Hofstra noted that he and the Northern region had been addressing a few of his comments for the Old Town Historic District, and that is was looking fine.

Finally with a motion from Dr. Lee and a second from Dr. Lounsbury the SRB voted to approve all six of the Northern Region nominations. With a motion from Ms. Murphy and a second from Ms. Evans all six nominations were approved by the HRB to be listed on the VLR.

Mr. Pulice presented the following nominations for the Roanoke Region.

11. Fries Boarding Houses, Grayson County (Galax Quad), #220-5015, Criterion A
12. Lauderdale, Botetourt County (Villamont Quad), #011-0048, Criteria C
13. Point Pleasant School, Carroll County (Laurel Fork Quad), #0017-5010, Criteria A and C
14. Terrace Park Girl Scout Cabin, Wise County (Big Stone Gap Quad), #101-0046, Criteria A and C

With a motion from Dr. Moore and a second from Dr. Lounsbury, all four nominations from the Roanoke Region were approved by the SRB. Then with a motion from Mr. Broadus and a second from Ms. Murphy all four nominations were approved to be listed on the VLR by the HRB.

Ms. Bowman presented the following for the Tidewater Region.

15. Belfield Historic District, City of Emporia (Emporia Quad), #109-0020, Criteria A and C
16. Hicksford Historic District, City of Emporia (Emporia Quad), #109-0019, Criteria A and C
17. Mount Pleasant, Surry County (Surry Quad), #090-0015, Criteria A, B, C, and D

Comments made: Chair Butler asked what happened after 1862 at Mount Pleasant, asking that this be addressed in the final version for the NPS nomination. Mr. Broadus asked of the family ownership transference, and Mr. Lucchetti, architect for the property, responded about the re-granting from one family to another after abandonment.

Dr. Hudgins suggested a bit more be added to the early context of the Emporia districts, and Dr. Moore noted that she was glad to see the districts written as two separate nominations, not duplicates of each other. Ms. Jadrnak, owner and advocate for Emporia and Greenville County historic preservation activities, spoke of her thanks for the listing consideration and her hope for continued revitalization. Ms. Seaborn, owner of the Bethlehem Building, said thanks as well, adding that she has a tax credit project in the works.

Then with a motion from Dr. Lounsbury and a second from Dr. Lee the three Tidewater Region nominations were approved by the SRB. With a motion from Ms. Evans and a second from Dr. Hudgins, the three nominations were listed on the VLR by the HRB.

The morning session broke for lunch followed by the Patrick Henry speech reenactment at St. John's Church.

HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

Chair Butler brought the HRB back to order shortly after 1:00 p.m. and Ms. Archer presented the following eight Highway Markers.

1. Darbytown Road/Pioneer Baptist Church
2. Samuel H. Yonge
3. Mount Sinai Baptist Church
4. Nansemond County Training School
5. Bloody Monday-Danville
6. Historic Polegreen Church
7. Friends Asylum for Colored Orphans
8. Birthplace of the Confederate Battle Flag

Comments made: Mr. Broadus reiterated his previously emailed comments to staff regarding his language preferences, including the term "racial integration" as opposed to "integration; and the mention of "fire hosed" instead of "water hosed." Director Kilpatrick assured him that these and other comments would be taken into consideration as the texts were finalized. Dr. Hudgins and Chair Butler discussed the term of archaeologist used to describe Samuel Yonge, and Director Kilpatrick said it could be looked into before the text became final.

Then with a motion from Ms. Murphy and a second from Mr. Broadus, all eight markers were approved by the HRB.

Ms. Archer presented the VDOT-funded Terre Haute Cemetery marker in Powhatan County, and with a motion from Mr. Broadus and a second from Ms. Murphy, the HRB approved the proposed the unique historic marker for the Terre Haute Cemetery.

Delegate Peace thanked Director Kilpatrick and Dr. Slusser for allowing him to come and speak, and presented his proposal for the Road to Revolution marker program. Ms. Peninger spoke of the background leading up to the project and the partnerships involved. She mentioned the variety of sites to be included from simple marker sites to larger park sites. Chair Butler noted the possible group ticket rates that could be available for people going to multiple sites. Mr. Hamner showed the proposed brochure, license plate design, and gave a quick slide presentation of the proposed web site.

Del. Peace asked that the proposed marker program be approved by the Board, and with a motion from Ms. Evans and a second from Mr. Thompson, the marker program and proposed marker design were approved by the HRB.

The following easements executed since the June 2007 meeting were presented by Ms. Musumeci and Mr. Loth.

1. Fort Colvin, Frederick County
2. DeJarnette's Tavern, Halifax County
3. Barnes House, Stafford County (*Amended Deed of Easement*)
4. Chilton Property, Lancaster Court House Historic District
5. Oakley Farm, Bath County
6. Clifton, Northumberland County

The following easement donations to consider were presented by Ms. Musumeci and Mr. Loth.

1. Cool Well, Hanover County
2. Allamong Property, Fisher's Hill Battlefield, Shenandoah County
3. Monterey, City of Roanoke
4. Braehead, City of Fredericksburg
5. Agecroft Hall & Gardens, City of Richmond
6. Leslie/Leith Property, Battle of Aldie, Loudoun County
7. Bush Meeting Grounds, Purcellville, Loudoun County
8. Palace Theater, Cape Charles Historic District, Northampton County
9. Mount Bernard, Goochland County
10. Hurstville, Northumberland County

With a motion from Ms. Murphy and a second from Ms. McCoy, the first nine easement offers were approved by the HRB. Mr. Thompson then stepped out of the room, and with a motion from Ms. Murphy and a second from Mr. Broadus, the last easement offer was approved by the HRB.

Mr. Loth presented following two easement amendments to consider and one easement update.

Old Mansion, Caroline County, easement amendment

Prentis House, City of Suffolk, easement amendment replacing original protective covenants

Bayville, City of Virginia Beach, easement update

Comments made: Mr. Loth mentioned the Old Mansion was the first easement taken in 1968 and it needs to be restated under today's easement standards.

The Prentis House was purchased through the APVA Revolving Fund program. An easement was not placed on the property with DHR at that time of the sale but protective covenants were signed with the Preservation of Historic Suffolk, Inc. However, per the requirements of the revolving fund an easement on the property needs to be held DHR. An easement is now being offered by the new owner who wants to subdivide the parcel and have one easement cover both areas. One Board member expressed concern regarding the implications for setting a precedence to allow for this type of subdivision and noted the approval should be a one-time only approval. Mr. Loth suggested the Board approve the easement allowing for subdivision, subject to DHR's determining that there are no legal entanglements associated with this provision and the original covenants protecting the property.

Bayville was burned to the ground after a lightning strike. The easement on the house and curtilage is held by DHR and the surrounding acreage is held by VOF. Director Kilpatrick suggested the Boards hold off on any easement recommendations until the owners had a chance to think about what they want to do with the property.

With a motion from Ms. Murphy and a second from Ms. McCoy, the Prentis House easement amendment was approved by the HRB with the understanding that DHR would confirm that there are no legal entanglements associated with approval of this provision.

Then with a motion from Ms. McCoy and a second from Ms. Murphy the Old mansion easement amendment was approved by the HRB.

Finally, Ms. Musumeci asked the Boards for a vote of approval on Easement Policies #6 (Easement Amendments) and #7 (Easement Violations.) With a motion from Mr. Thompson and a second from Ms. Murphy they were approved and the Board adjourned about 3:40 pm.

STATE REVIEW BOARD

Chair Hofstra brought the SRB to order around 2.30 p.m. in the Collections Study Room of the Department of Historic Resources for discussion and endorsement of the Preliminary Information Applications (informal guidance session).

Board Members (b) and Staff (s) present: Luranett Lee (b), Carl Lounsbury (b), Elizabeth Moore (b), Warren Hofstra (b), Camille Bowman (s), David Edwards (s), Kristin Kirchen (s), Michael Pulice (s), Kelly Spradley-Kurowski (s), and Marc Wagner(s)

Guests (from sign in sheet): Lydia Brandt, Melanie Miller, Ellen Wagner (all for Martha Jefferson Historic District), Raven Yates, Greg Rutledge, Bill Hopkins (all for The State Theatre), Edward Tolson (Evergreen), Steve Torpy (Arcola Slave Quarters)

Preliminary Information Applications

All proposals were endorsed, with the following comments:

1. Arcola Slave Quarters, Loudoun County, DHR File Number 053-0984, Criteria A and C

A representative of the property owner related that Loudoun County is fully supportive of the effort to list the property, and that negotiations with a local developer had resulted in the acquisition of 10 acres surrounding the quarters for a development buffer. The Board suggested that the 1930s house nearby be treated as a contributing resource in the nomination, and that the period of significance be brought up to the 1930s. The 1930s house was built on the foundation of an earlier farm house, a building that may have been contemporary with the quarters. The Board also asked that the significance of plantation society to the siting of the quarters, and the regional context of slavery in Loudoun County, be explored fully in the nomination.

2. Evergreen, Prince William County, DHR File Number 076-0007, Criteria B and C

The Board requested that Criterion B arguments are fully developed in the nomination, and asked for the name of the architect responsible for the interior remodeling of the 1940s.

3. The State Theatre, Culpeper County, Town of Culpeper, DHR File Number 204-5053, Criteria A and C

Representatives for the property discussed plans for its rehabilitation and future use.

4. Martha Jefferson Historic District, City of Charlottesville, DHR File Number 104-5144, Criterion C

Representatives for the district discussed community support and the threat of demolition of properties within the district owned by the Martha Jefferson Hospital. The Board requested that the overall significance of the district be explained adequately in the nomination.

5. Burks Fork Church of the Brethren, Floyd County, DHR File Number 031-5019, Criterion C, Criterion Consideration A

6. Montillico, Rockbridge County, DHR File Number 081-0020, Criterion C

7. George Washington Rader House, Botetourt County, DHR File Number 011-0058, Criterion C

8. Rocky Mount Historic District Orchard Avenue Expansion, Franklin County, Town of Rocky Mount, DHR File Number 157-5002, Criterion C

9. American Cigar Company Stemmary, City of Norfolk, DHR File Number 122-0658, Criteria A and C

10. Glenview, Sussex County, DHR File Number 091-0028, Criterion C

The Board expressed reservations about the property's integrity due to the aluminum siding currently covering the exterior weatherboards, and encouraged its removal. In the nomination, the Board requested that the siding be addressed adequately in the integrity statement if not removed, and that the early frame outbuilding behind the main house be discussed thoroughly.

11. Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, City of Norfolk, DHR File Number 122-0047, Criterion C, Criterion Consideration A

The Board requested that the church's history and significance statement be as specific as possible.

12. Edge Hill, Amherst County, DHR File Number 005-0005, Criterion C

13. Farmville Railroad Station, Prince Edward County, Town of Farmville, DHR File Number 144-0007, Criterion C

The Board requested that Criterion A be added and supported in the nomination.

14. Greenwood Rural Historic District, Albemarle County, DHR File Number 002-5075, Criteria A and C

The Board noted that the completed nomination would have to develop strong support for the Areas of Significance chosen, as this was not apparent from the PIF. A full argument was requested.

15. Salem Turnpike Historic District, City of Lynchburg, DHR File Number 118-5239, Criterion C

The State Review Board adjourned.